Missoula County Public Schools

**NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

**Tributes and Memorials**

The District recognizes that circumstances may exist to recognize and honor individuals for a variety of reasons. Additionally, the District recognizes that the death of a student, member of the staff, or member of the community is deeply felt by the school community that may be appropriate to memorialize. However, as places designed primarily to support learning, school sites and District facilities should not serve as the main venue for permanent tributes and memorials for students, staff, or community members.

Permanent tributes and memorials for deceased students, staff, or community members on District property shall be limited to:

* Perpetual awards or scholarships
* Plantings (trees, shrubs, or perennials)
* Benches, tables, and other types of outdoor furnishings

Memorial signage will not be installed at the location and will be centrally located at the District’s administration building.

Any permanent memorials in existence before this policy was adopted can only be removed by a vote of the Board of Trustees.

Funerals, memorial services, or celebrations of an individual’s life will not be conducted on district property or in the school setting.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to establish procedures to administer and implement the memorials policy, including: identification and approval of memorial location(s), term(s), siting, design standards, application requirements, review processes, and record keeping.

Legal References:

Cross References:

Policy History:

Adopted on:

Revised on: